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Dear Sir:

The applicant, Medtronic, Inc. is the assignee of the right, title, and interest in the above-identified application, as evidenced by the executed assignment that was faxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2004. The previous owner (assignor) of the above named patent application may have claimed small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2). Applicant herein provides notice to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that it is not entitled to small entity status and as such requests that the status be changed to that of large entity.

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